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### The 14-inch Guns For Oahu

In the discussions of the fortifications at Diamond Head and at Pearl Harbor, more or less has been said of the guns to be installed. Mention has been made lately of the new type of fourteen inch guns, as the guns in all probability to be employed here. Of this type of gun Harper's Weekly gives the following description and discussion.

The War Department has completed plans for a new type of 14-inch-calibre gun, which will be added to the existing coast-defence system. Work on the new weapons will be commenced at the Westervet arsenal at an early date. It has not yet been determined, however, whether the guns will be of the ordinary built-up forged-steel type or of the more modern wire-wound construction.

This new gun, while fully two inches larger in calibre than the regulation coast-defence gun of the first grade, will be smaller in every other measurement and of lighter weight. The intention is to construct a weapon with a range and striking force equal to the present standard 12-inch gun, but which will greatly exceed the limited life of that gun.

The expensive 12-inch guns now in use will not be displaced by the new 14-inch gun, but the new type will be supplied whenever there are additions to the defences. It is insisted by the department that the first cost of the new gun will be considerably less than that of the 12-inch gun, while the addition to the life of the weapon will result in still further increased economy.

### The Hawaiian Board's Plans

It must be with much satisfaction and gratitude that the Hawaiian Board is able to announce the auspicious beginning of the Mid-Pacific Institute, which it considers its first great step in the development of its higher educational work. The work of the Hawaiian Board, as that of its predecessor and progenitor, in these Islands, the American Board, has been in the essential sense educational. It has been a process of drawing out the best in the people of these Islands toward the best that humanity and civilization in other peoples, blessed by Divine revelation, had to give.

From the very first the work of those who came under the American Board, and who, with their children and associates formed and carried on the Hawaiian Board, has been educational. The school was contemporaneous with the preaching of the Word, and the school-house and the church were synchronous. It was one of the phenomena of the work of the early missionaries that they set a whole nation at learning to read and write.

Not only the germ, but much of the development, of the idea of the manual training and industrial school, which has fruited in such marked institutions as Hampton Institute, and in the whole system of manual training schools throughout the world, found its fructification in the school work of the American Board in Hawaii. Among the missionaries of the American Board in these Islands, scholarship and philology have found crowning ornaments.

The educational system and the system of educational institutions which had their beginnings in the work of the American Board in Hawaii nearly a century ago, have developed and changed to meet new and changing needs and conditions. The establishment of the Mid-Pacific Institute, therefore, while in a sense epochal, is after all but a development.

Of this institution the Hawaiian Board makes this announcement in an appeal to its friends and to the friends of the work for means to carry it on:

"The Hawaiian Board has completed the first great step in the development of its higher educational work by purchasing between thirty-six and thirty-seven acres of land in Manoa valley—the old Kidwell estate. Upon this it is proposed to locate the Mid-Pacific Institute, into which Kawaiahao Seminary, Mills Institute and the Japanese Boarding School are to be consolidated. In making this purchase the Board has parted with the premises of the North Pacific Missionary Institute on Punchbowl street to the Methodist church and the land upon which Kawaiahao Seminary stands to the Castle estate. The Castle estate will incorporate the latter property into its holdings for the Castle home. Thus to all time it is proposed that this large area be retained as part of Honolulu's permanent missionary center.

"The site thus purchased for the Mid-Pacific Institute forms an ideal location one block of the Rapid Transit Company's valley line. The ground commands a beautiful view of mountains and sea, having a configuration which naturally lends itself to the division into two sections, one for girls and the other for boys. The former will have an approach via Alexander Street while the latter will be reached through Kaala Avenue. There is ample room for the agricultural features which have been planned. The land contains a fine spring of water yielding some 100,000 gallons per diem and is further supplied by an auiwai with a right of one day's use every week.

"One of the most delightful features of the institution is its interdenominational character. Methodists unite with Congregationalists in the enterprise, Rev. John W. Wadman, the genial and popular Superintendent of Methodist Episcopal work in the Territory, being an enthusiastic member of the Board of Managers. The primary school maintained by his church for Koreans will graduate boys and girls into the institute, and mainland support will be sought by him for enlarging and strengthening its work.

"The Mid-Pacific Institute will naturally serve as the capstone of the educational enterprise fostered by the Hawaiian Board and its connections. This embraces Hilo Boarding School, Kohala and Maunaloa seminaries and a score or two of plantation schools throughout the Territory. While aggressively Christian in its work it will know no sectarianism nor will it be bounded by any racial lines whatsoever. Its chief aim will be to turn out the kind of men and women needed in Hawaii for the largest development of the resources of the Territory. Hand as well as head will be trained. This will necessitate a somewhat wide range of work, such as can only be developed slowly and according as adequate resources are supplied by men and women of large nations. The relations which the institute must necessarily come to hold with the great peoples of the Orient are fascinating in prospect. Already Mills Institute has contributed generously to the new life in China through young men who have carried back to the home land the influence of the Christian training received in that institution.

## INSURANCE COVERS ERROR OF JUDGMENT

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found to be an error of judgment on the part of the skipper would not invalidate insurance in the event of any accident occurring to the vessel on the run to the coast.

In The Star yesterday it was stated that the talk of the waterfront was that the getting away of the Hilonian after hitting the reef, without examination by a board of survey in regard to any possible damage sustained, would give the insurers the right to refuse payment on the policy in the event of the boat meeting with accident, as they might claim that she was damaged when she left this port. There is, however, another side to the matter.

As appears above, marine insurance covers acts of God and errors of judgment, items which are very broad. The going on the reef in Honolulu harbor lies between God and the captain according to insurance policies. But since the probabilities are that absolutely no damage was done by contact with the sand and coral, the placing of blame in this particular will likely never have to be threshed out. If, however, the Hilonian should spring a leak or suffer other on her trip to the coast and it should be shown that she left here on the skipper's judgment without calling a board of survey, the insurance on ship and cargo would still hold.

There are some very nice points in matters of this kind, for while an error of judgment on the part of the master of the vessel would come under insurance, if in a case of this nature the owners were to order the skipper to proceed without an examination to see if any damage had been sustained, and against the judgment of the skipper, the owners would be liable.

A mistake of the owners or owners' agent would not be insured where the error of the master would be.

The presumption is that Captain Johnson of the Hilonian proceeded to take his vessel to San Francisco after the accident on the reef without calling a survey, on his own judgment, therefore if anything occurs to damage ship or cargo, through the accident in this harbor or not, the insurance is good under the clause covering error of judgment on the part of the master.

## HILLO-HONOLULU LINER ARRIVES

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The I. L. S. N. Co.'s S. S. Kinau, Captain Freeman, arrived from Hilo and way ports this morning, docking at the Kinau wharf at 8:50 o'clock.

She brought 52 cabin passengers among whom were Colonel Samuel Parker, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Batchelder, Father Alfonso, Mr. and Mrs. W. Stoddard, A. W. T. Bottomley, George A. Davies, J. A. W. Ilder, J. H. Mackenzie, Bruce Cartwright and T. A. Burningham.

The Kinau's freight consisted of the following: 2 horses, 3 barrels bottles, 3 bunches bananas, 5 bundles hides, 5 cts chickens, 7 empty barrels, 8 sacks awa, 20 bags bottles, 41 cords wood, 65 empty kegs, 223 bags cabbage and 252 sundries.

## COUNTRY CLUB MEETING.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Country Club will be held on Monday evening in the lower ball room of the Young Hotel. Some important matters are to be taken up relative to the policy of management, and a full attendance is desired.

There will be a dance at Haleiwa next Saturday night that will be a charming affair.

tution, and the future usefulness of the school, with its more complete equipment, will be wonderfully increased. As the intercourse between East and West grows more complex, the possibilities of influence which an adequately endowed institution of this character should exert are seen to be very great. Nothing that Hawaii has today promises more for the future than this modest undertaking.

In making this announcement of its plans, the Board is generous in praise of those who have made it possible for the plans to be undertaken and to be so far carried out. Mrs. S. C. Allen has contributed \$5,000, which with the amount realized from the sale of the older properties, a little more than covers the purchase price of the new site. Mrs. J. B. Atherton has provided \$35,000 for a suitable building for Kawaiahao Seminary as a memorial of the lifelong interest her late husband took in the work of that institution.

It seems that one of the recommendations that Senator Spooner's successor brought was that he did not want the job long. This is certainly unusual in aspirants for public office.

It is too bad that Madame Polo has so nearly closed business at her old Kilauea stand while the congressional party is visiting her home.

The Hawaii Herald expresses itself forcibly regarding the Governor's veto that cut down Hilo's sanitary force.

Mayor Schmitz declares that Ruef

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## SENTENCE SERMONS.

(From the Chicago Tribune.)

It's no use fiddling jigs in a graveyard.

He who sneers at men cannot see God. The works of the Most High are His best words.

The really good man always is better than he knows.

Folks who balk a great deal always kick a good deal more.

The greatest hindrance of all is to meet with no opposition.

The crooked man believes this would be a straight world if the upright were out of it.

People who make a show on credit seldom make a creditable showing.

Some are sure they will find rest in heaven because they are sleepy in church.

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